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General E. E. Partridge
National Command and Control Task Force
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Pat:

It was most thoughtful of you to write me about the events in Korea more than ten years ago. As you can imagine, this evoked a number of recollections.

It is particularly gratifying to recall that one of our officers, [] had been able to be helpful in a tight spot.

This Agency, which has had more than its share of attention lately, was, as you may recall, criticized for its activities in connection with the Korean War. We were charged with having failed to predict that North Korea would attack in the first place, and we were blamed for not estimating that the Chinese Communists would send their forces in. Neither of these charges is completely justified, but I believe it is safe to say that the information which we were able to collect was never comprehensive enough to convince all our users that it should be acted on.

Your letter takes note of one important exception which mitigated immediate impacts of defeat. I shall bring your letter to [] attention and see that it is made a matter of record in his file.

Best regards.

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Sincerely,

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